Ways to Elaborate

I. Explain: Tell what you mean

This color is not right for you. *I mean,* you look dull as a dirty sock in beige. You should wear blue like your eyes.

II. Exemplify. Give an example

My brother helps me out when I am in trouble. *For example,* yesterday I missed the bus and he drove me to school. I had a test first period and he didn’t want me to make a zero.
“The lesson of the moth” by Don Marquis

- Add “example” and “additional” transitions to your elaboration tree map
Elaboration Strategies/Techniques

Clarification

Statement

Example → Addition

Compare/Contrast

Cause/Effect

Describe

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Explain what you mean

For example,

To exemplify,

This was exemplified in/when

For instance,

This was evident

One example

To illustrate,

Addition

Additionally,

Also,

Equally important,

Furthermore,

In addition,

As if that were not enough,

Likewise,

Another example,

Together with

Along with
Miss Maggie, the main character in the book *Miss Maggie* by Cynthia Rylant, could be described as having a reclusive disposition. She preferred not to be an active part of the society around her.

Now, let’s continue to add to your idea.
For example, she lived by herself in an old frame house on the outskirts of town. Her only friends were an old heifer cow and a bird named Henry. In addition to this, whenever someone came to her door to visit, she would not answer the door; she would only peep from behind her drawn curtains to see who was outside.
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- Create a compare/contrast map for the moth and archy
- Point/Counterpoint – 4 examples
Compare & Contrast the moth and archy

Common

Differences

emotional

point

logical

Counter-point

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